

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message From County Executive Walker

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed...

I will be attending a number of events this weekend and on Monday to help celebrate Dr. King's life and his enduring legacy of equality for all.

On Sunday, January 14th, Mayor Barrett, Chris Abele and I will once again serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of Milwaukee's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. The free event begins at 12:45 pm with performances by Ocean of Soul, the Chinese Youth Orchestra and Syrenka, a Polish youth folk dance ensemble.

On Monday, I will be speaking at the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee's 10th Annual Martin Luther King breakfast at the Midwest Airlines Center.

The day's celebrations conclude with the annual celebration at the county's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 1531 West Vliet Street. I will be joined by Chairman Lee Holloway, Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, and Parks Director Sue Black in hosting the event, starting at 6pm.

I encourage everyone to attend one of these events or at least take the time to reflect on Dr. King's message of inclusion and equality for all people.

Scott

"All Aboard" The Train Show At Domes



The Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard is gearing up for this winter's indoor Train Show, titled, "Last Train to Toon Town." It will include several G-scale trains running simultaneously on over 500 ft. of track. The show opens Saturday, January 13th and runs through March 18th.

"The train show has always been one of the most popular exhibits at the Domes," said Walker. "This year's show promises to be even better."

The coming show is masterfully landscaped and designed with state-of-the-art digital technology.

The Domes are open every day from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Adult admission is \$5, children ages 6-17 are \$3.50 and children 5 and under are free. The Wisconsin Garden Railway Society, the Glacier Train club, and members from Racine and Illinois provide volunteer support for the show. For more information contact the Domes at (414) 649-9830 or www.countyparks.com

Where's Walker?

County Executive Walker continues to engage the community in a dialogue about county issues.

Walker spoke at the Knights of Columbus meeting Monday in Greenfield. He gave a preview of the upcoming year in Milwaukee County and gave a summary of the many successes in the county last year.

On Wednesday, Walker gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun in River Hills. He again gave a synopsis of this coming year's challenges and presented the congregation with a proclamation in recognition of their 150th anniversary.

Walker will be speaking at a number of civic groups and community centers over the next few months to talk about the state of the county. If you would like County Executive Walker to speak at an event or meeting, please e-mail Dorothy Moore at dmoore2@milwcnty.com.



County Executive Walker presents a proclamation to Rabbi Mark Berkson

Walker Attends Firefighter Union Officer Installation



County Executive Walker spoke at the Milwaukee Firefighter's Union meeting Monday. The meeting saw the swearing in of the union's new President, Bobbie Weber, who succeeds long-time President Greg Gracz. Walker recently nominated Gracz as Milwaukee County's Director of Labor Relations.

Zoological Society Event To Benefit Bonobos

On Thursday, County Executive Walker spoke at an event in recognition of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's long-standing and effective conservation efforts on behalf of the bonobo. The event featured a presentation by Dr. Gay Edwards Reinartz, Conservation Coordinator with the Zoological Society. Dr. Reinartz and her colleagues have made many trips to the Democratic Republic of Congo to help conserve and protect the bonobo. The Milwaukee County Zoo has maintained a very successful bonobo exhibit that has helped grow the population of this great ape. www.milwaukeezoo.org